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Mother's & Daughters QUOTES

"To nourish children and raise them against odds is any time, any place, more valuable than to fix bolts in cars or design nuclear weapons." — Marilyn French

"My mother could make anybody feel guilty — she used to get letters of apology from people she didn't even know." — Joan Rivers

"The best way to keep children home is to make the home atmosphere pleasant — and let the air out of the tires." — Dorothy Parker

"No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement." — Florida Scott-Maxwell

"A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie." — Tenneva Jordan

"Mama exhorted her children at every opportunity to 'jump at de sun.' We might not land on the sun, but at least we would get off the ground." — Zora Neale Hurston

"And so our mothers and grandmothers have, more often than not anonymously, handed on the creative spark, the seed of the flower they themselves never hoped to see — or like a sealed letter they "A mother's arms are more comforting than anyone else's." — Diana, Princess of Wales

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POLLY TICKS...
TICKS... TICKS... TICKS...

Barack Obama, is our President, whether anyone likes it or not. I don't think change can come until 2012. Yet, the Republicans are trying in every way to somehow make him look bad.

CASE IN POINT:

Marilyn Davenport, a 74-year-old Fullerton resident and elected member of the Orange County Republican Central Committee, sent an email (Mon., 4/18/11) afternoon asking for forgiveness for her "unwise behavior," just before the GOP committee met for its monthly summit at a hotel in Irvine, where the fallout from the incident was the hot topic.

The email sent on (Fri., 4/15/11) by Davenport to a small group of GOP committee members shows an image posed like a family portrait, of chimpanzee parents and child, with Obama's face superimposed on the young chimp. Text beneath the picture reads,

"Now you know why no birth certificate."

Obama has accomplished more in two years, than previous presidents in the last decade.

The economy *was* BAD, when he took office, he didn't sit around lamenting the state of things. He sprung into action, working on a health care bill, extending jobless benefits for the working class, etc.

Now, that it looks like the Republicans are having their way with the Congress and Senate, some Democrats are starting to "jump ship," rather than standing up to these folks. Especially, the so-called, "Birthers," movement.

The media is reporting that they elected a Black man, whom they knew nothing about, and continues to write about his birth certificate authenticity, and whether he is a citizen of the United States.

The Tea Partyers, Donald Trump, and those folks don't seem to know that the whole world is "laughing" at them.

Please, everyone write, e-mail or telephone our elected officials.

Let them know, they're making this country look dumb to the world. This is wrong.

REALTY TV – Are they for real?

Are we like those people on TV. Is there a trouble maker in every group? Do you think NeNe, is as "ghetto" as she portrays herself, on TV? Is Evelyn really that loose of a woman? What does her having sex on the first date, say to young women viewing the show. We still do have STDS... and AIDS around, don't we?

Love & Hip-Hop – Five women including singers Mashonda Tifrere and Olivia Longott star in the new VH1 reality series Their connections to the music industry and the some of the biggest male acts in the business are sure to make for a dynamic series.

Mashond Tifrere went through a devastating public divorce to hip hop producer Swizz Beatz (now married to Alicia Keys).

Olivia Longott was introduced to the scene by 50-Cent as the first lady of his group G-Unit.

Other ladies on the show are Emily Bustamante (mother of Fabulous' child), Chrissy Lampkin (Jim Jones' girlfriend), and aspiring rapper Somaya 'Boss' Reece.

Basketball Wives is a reality television series that premiered on the VH1 cable television network. Created by Shaunie O'Neal, the ex-wife of NBA center Shaquille O'Neal, the series follows the lives of a group of women who have all been somehow romantically linked to professional basketball players (none is actually married to any professional basketball player at the moment).

The Real Housewives of Atlanta is a reality series which airs in the United States on the cable network Bravo, and various other broadcasters internationally.

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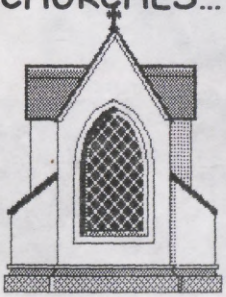

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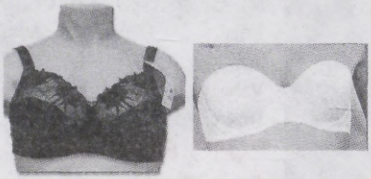

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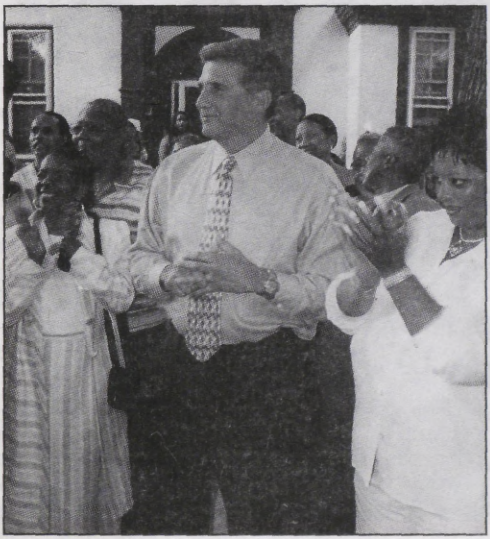
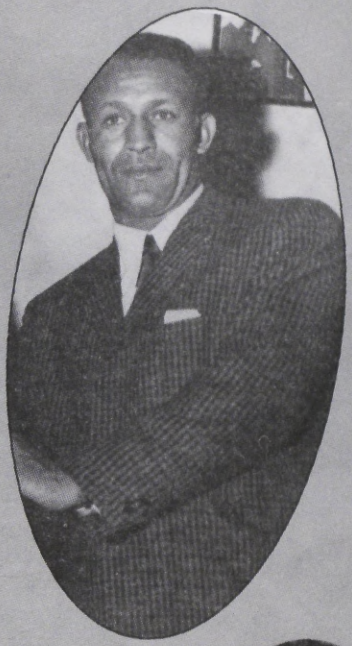


Guess who's coming to town?

EULIS "HONEY" WARD



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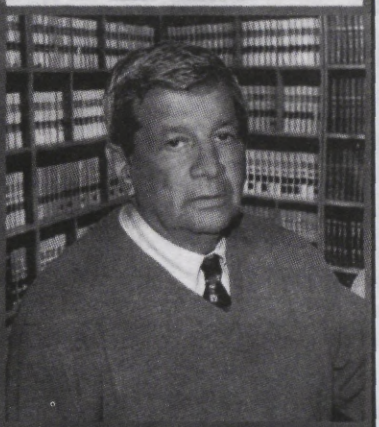

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Michael was raised in Highland Park, N.J., where he was a beloved and well-known member of the community. He attended Highland Park High School from 1991 to 1995, where he gained local fame for his athletic achievements, particularly on the football field. After being heavily recruited, Mike attended Delaware State University on a full scholarship, excelling both in his academic pursuits and on the football field. He emerged as one of the team's top defensive linemen in his rookie season, and went on to become a three-time ALL-MEAC honorable mention candidate. Mike received his B.S. in business administration from Delaware State University in 2000.

SHERIL L. BULLOCK

Sheril L. Bullock, 45, of East Orange, N.J., passed away on Saturday April 9, 2011. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, April 15, from Woody "Home For Services," 163 Oakwood Ave., Orange, N.J., where the family received relatives and friends. Born on May 29, 1965, in Orange, N.J., she was known as Sherry. Mrs. Bullock was the loving mother of Marquetta, Clayton, Monet, Melondy, and Carl Jr. She is also survived by other relatives and friends.

DEACON EDWARD A. FEARS

Deacon Edward A. Fears died on April 7, 2011. Services were held at the Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church. Newark, NJ.

Deacon Fears leaves to cherish, loving wife, Ollie M. Fears; children, Barry Fears, Jerome Fears, Brenda White, Paul Fears, Myrtle Heath, Autrey Reynolds, and Margaret Fears; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley Harrison, and a host of other relatives and friends.

DIANE COOK-CAMERON

Mrs. Diane Cook-Cameron, also known as Ummi, 58, of Newark, NJ., passed away on Tyesday, April 5, 2011.

Ummi was born in Newark, and worked at the Newark Board of Education for 34 yeara prior to retiring.

YVONNE WINSLOW

Yvonne Winslow died April 8. Yvonne leaves to cherish, loving daughter, Jordon Sheree McNair; mother, Flora Winslow; siblings, Eunice Harris, Juanita Winslow, Cheryl Winslow-Clark, Oscar Winslow, Kevin Winslow, and Stephanie Powell, and a host of other relatives and friends.

SAUNDRA 'Sandy' WILLIAMS

Saundra "Sandy" Williams of Newark, N.J., entered into rest on April 11, 2011.

Sandy was the daughter of Queen Esther and the late Robert E. Williamns. She was the beloved mother of Tasha Saffold (Fred), Gary and Lance Curtis. Sandy is also survived and loved by her grandmothcr, Ruby V. Jones; three siblings, Kim Campbell (Keith), Robert (Ida), and Vance Williams; six grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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AFTER HOURS

PEOPLE & PLACES

LANCE DIGGS, the realtor, has moved to 60 Park Place, Newark. He's one of the most aggressive in Real Estate (economy or not)... MARCIA JAMES ROBINSON, doing a lot of traveling and looking good – so say, everyone I run into (smiles)... Didn't know that ROGER GILLEN, was a Custom Design Painter and Home Developer. Many folks are talking and praising his work – call 973-640-6664... GARY BROWN, one of the smoothest analyst working out of the Newark City Hall, should be given more to do, he's certainly qualified...AUDREY J. BERNARD of The Beacon News, in NYC, was honored as a McDonald's Black Media Legend in February. She writes a column entitled, *Audrey's Society Whirl....* J. BARRY WASHINGTON, in town from California, to take care of his business 'Custom Digital Newark,'. He's got big plans... Amani Brinson and Christian Balbin, seems to be a tight couple – spotted in NYC... Folks are asking questions about JUANELL, the consultant and image maker in South Orange NJ... For Our Children United We Stand: Ring 25 Veteran Boxing Association member; Newark Hall of Fame member; Weequahic Varsity Assistant Coach; 22 year Law Enforcement, Newark Police Department, 2 years; Essex County Sherif's Dept. 5 yrs; NJ Department of Corrections, 15 years... Folks! Be on the lookout for those "old time" photos and memories from Atlantic City's hey-day. Frank Sinatra, Redd Foxx, Slappy White, the Club Harlem's Breakfast Shows, Pop Williams and others... Looks, like the city is getting some love from the Marriott Corporation – they're building a hotel on Broad Street.

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"Educators 4 Kids" Test Taking Tips: Dos & Don'ts

- **DO** budget your time, make sure you have sufficient time to answer all questions on the exam.
- *DON'T* spend too much time on any one question.
- **DO** go over any material from practice tests, sample problems, etc
- *DON'T* try to study all the material the night before.
- **DO** eat a good breakfast. Having food in your stomach will give you energy.
- *DON'T* eat heavy foods which can make you groggy.
- **DO** get a good night's sleep (at least 8-10 hours).
- *DON'T* party the night before.
- **DO** make sure to arrive to school on time.
- *DON'T* be absent unless it is an emergency.
- **DO** use a number two pencil... and bring a few extra.
- *DON'T* forget an eraser!
- **DO** review your work.
- *DON'T* leave any answers blank (*take a guess!*).

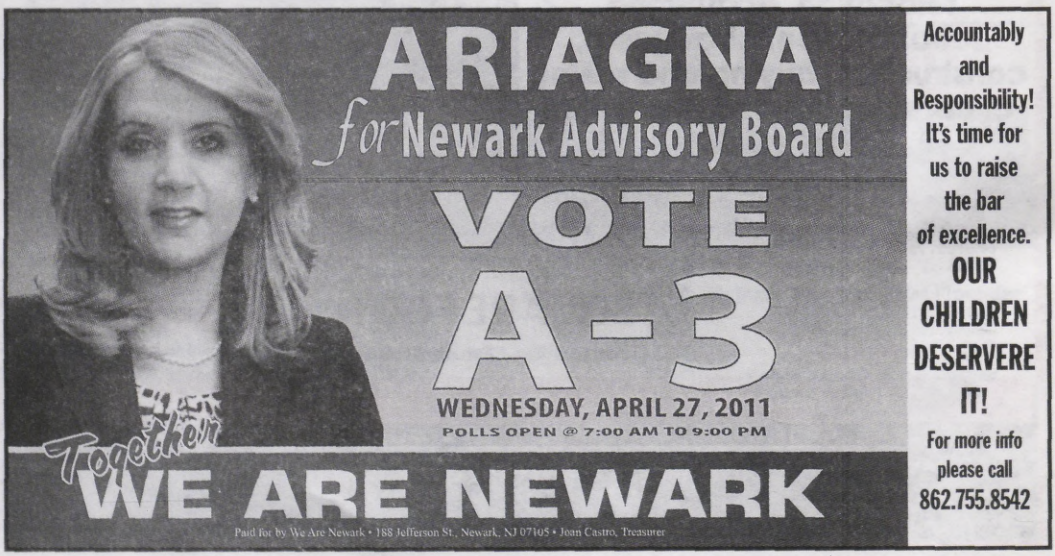
EDUCATORS FOR KIDS: STATE TESTING

What is NJ Ask, you ask? The New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge is a standard-based assessment used in New Jersey's public schools. It measures how well students are acquiring the knowledge and skills outlined in the state's Core Curriculum Content Standards. Those measures fall into three broad categories: "partially proficient", "proficient", and "advanced proficient".

The NJ Ask has two types of questions: multiple choice and open ended. With the multiple-choice, students are asked to choose the one correct answer out of four choices provided. With the open-ended questions, children answer with written responses in their own words. Each test section is timed, and students may not proceed to the next section until the time for the current section has expired. If students have not finished a section when time runs out, they must stop and put down their pencils. There are clear directions throughout the test.

The Language Arts Literacy component of the NJ Ask is made up of two sections: Reading and Writing. In the Reading section, the test will include three reading passages at each grade level. Reading passages will include literature as well as informational reading selections from a wide array of sources and genres. In the Writing section the test will include a speculative prompt presenting a brief scenario.

Students will use that scenario as a springboard for writing a story, drawing on stories they have read as well as their own experiences to develop ideas for their stories. The explanatory prompts are based on topics familiar to students and will ask them to describe, discuss, explain, or analyze some aspects of the topic.



The Mathematics component of the NJ Ask is made up in three parts: multiple-choice, short constructed response, and extended constructed response. This year calculators will be permitted only on some parts of the multiple-choice and extended constructed response items. The short constructed response part of NJ Ask for all grades 3 through 8 will be non-calculator active for all students, including students with disabilities. According to Mr. Harry Romeo, President of Educators for Kids, this is a true disadvantage for our children.

The Science component of the NJ Ask is made up of four parts: multiple choice, and open-ended items in Life Science, Physical Science, and Earth Science. The Science component of the NJ Ask is only administered to grades 4 and 8.

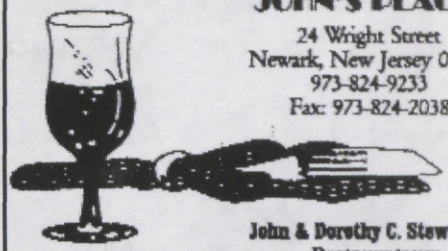
The 2010-2011 Assessment Schedule for ALL public schools in NJ is as follows:

GRADES 3, 4, AND 5

Day 1 – Monday, May 9, 2011 – Language Arts Literacy
Day 2 – Tuesday, May 10, 2011 – Language Arts Literacy
Day 3 – Wednesday, May 11, 2011 – Mathematics
Day 4 – Thursday, May 12, 2011 – Mathematics
Day 5 – Friday, May 13, 2011 – Science (*Grade 4 only*)

GRADES 6, 7, AND 8

Day 1 – Tuesday, May 3, 2011 – Language Arts Literacy
Day 2 – Wednes. May 4, 2011 – Language Arts Literacy
Day 3 – Thursday, May 5, 2011 – Mathematics
Day 4 – Friday, May 5, 2011 Mathematics and Science (*grade 8 only*)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CLEAN JOKES ABOUT PARENTS & CHILDREN

THE BABY-SITTER

A young man agreed to baby-sit one night so a single mother could have an evening out. At bedtime he sent the youngsters upstairs to bed and settled down to watch football.

One child kept creeping down the stairs, but the young man kept sending him back to bed.

At 9pm the doorbell rang, it was the next-door neighbor, Mrs. Brown, asking whether her son was there. The young man brusquely replied, "No."

Just then a little head appeared over the banister and shouted, "I'm here, Mom, but he won't let me go home!"

GOING OUT

A couple was going out for the evening. The last thing they did was to put the cat out.

The taxi arrived, and as the couple walked out of the house, the cat shoots back in. So the husband goes back inside to chase it out.

The wife, not wanting it known that the house would be empty, explained to the taxi driver "He's just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother."

A few minutes later, the husband got into the taxi and said, "Sorry I took so long, the stupid thing was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out!"

WOMEN SHOULD NOT HAVE CHILDREN AFTER 35

This is one of those controversial statements but I fully stand behind it.

Women should not have children after 35!
Some say, "Of course women can have children after 35!"
They don't know what they are talking about and I can guarantee they have had very little experience in the matter.
I don't care what the doctor says.
I don't care what your friends say.
I don't even care what your pastor says.
Women should not have children after 35!
I don't advise it, I vehemently recommend against it."
You can quote me on this. If you want to say that I said it. And I said it more than once.
"Women should not have children after 35!"
If I find an exception to this rule, then I will be open to change but for now, it's firmly closed because I have never seen an exception.
Women should not have children after 35!

35 children are enough!

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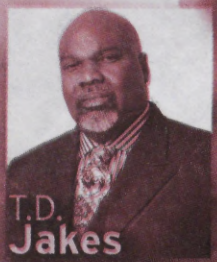
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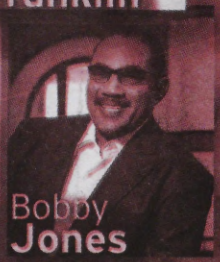
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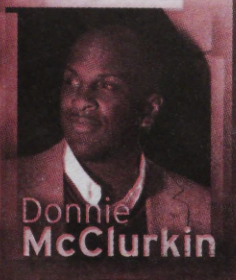
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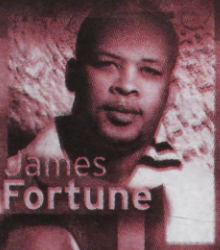
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